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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950 - H.R. 12998

1. H.R. 12998 amends the Budget and Accounting Procedures Act of 1950 to require the head of each Executive agency to make a report to the Congress if the agency's accounting system has not been approved by the Comptroller General pursuant to the requirements of 31 U.S.C. 66(b). In the absence of such approval, the agency may not use appropriated funds to prepare budget estimates or estimates or requests for appropriations based on PPB systems or methods.

2. CIA is neither specifically exempted from the Budget and Procedures Act of 1950, nor from the requirements of H.R. 12998. I have been advised by [] OPPB, that as far as he knows, the Agency's accounting systems have not been approved by the Comptroller General pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 66(b), but that they no doubt meet the standards necessary for such approval. [] is verifying this with Mr. Clarke.

3. It doesn't appear that P.L. 110 provides a basis for exempting the Agency from the reporting requirements of H.R. 12998. This would not necessarily hold true with respect to that aspect of the bill dealing with expenditure of funds.

4. H.R. 12998 is not active and appears to be a primarily Republican effort to demonstrate disagreement with the majority findings of the House Government Operations Committee to permit the conversion to improved and approvable accounting systems to continue through administrative action.

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